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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A game comprising:

(a) a game board having a general scoring area;

(b) one or more blocking pieces configured to be positioned on said game board to define a specific scoring area, wherein said specific scoring area comprises at least one portion of said general scoring area remaining uncovered by said one or more blocking piece, each blocking piece having at least one distinguishing feature identifying that piece as a blocking piece; and

(c) one or more scoring pieces distinct from said one or more blocking pieces and configured to be positioned on said game board, each scoring piece having at least one distinguishing feature identifying that piece as a scoring piece.

Claims 2 - 4. (canceled)

Claim 5.(Previously amended) The game of claim 1 wherein each of the blocking pieces includes a magnet for fixedly positioning the blocking pieces on the game board.

Claim 6.(Previously amended) The game of claim 1 wherein each of the scoring pieces includes a magnet for fixedly positioning the blocking pieces on the game board.

Claim 7.(Previously amended) The game of claim 1 wherein:

- (i) the game board includes a base attachment means;
- (ii) the blocking pieces have a complementary attachment means; and

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(iii) the base attachment means and complementary attachment means cooperate to affix the blocking pieces to the game board.

Claim 8. (Original) The game of claim 7 wherein the base attachment means is a magnet and the complementary attachment means is another magnet.

Claim 9. (Original) The game of claim 8 wherein:

(iv) the scoring pieces include said complementary attachment means;
and

(v) the base attachment means and complementary attachment means of the scoring pieces cooperate to affix said scoring pieces to said game board.

Claim 10. (Original) The game of claim 9 wherein:

(vi) the blocking pieces include said base attachment means; and
(vii) the base attachment means of the blocking pieces and the complementary attachment means of the scoring pieces cooperate to affix said scoring pieces to said blocking pieces.

Claim 11 (Original) The game of claim 7 wherein the base attachment means is one part of a hook and loop fastening system and the complementary attachment means is another part of a hook and loop fastening system.

Claim 12. (Original) The game of claim 11 wherein:

(iv) the scoring pieces include said complementary attachment means;
and

(v) the base attachment means and complementary attachment means of the scoring pieces cooperate to affix said scoring pieces to said game board.

Claim 13. (Original) The game of claim 12 wherein:

(vi) the blocking pieces include said base attachment means; and

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(vii) the base attachment means of the blocking pieces and the complementary attachment means of the scoring pieces cooperate to affix said scoring pieces to said blocking pieces.

Claim 14. (Original) The game of claim 7 wherein the game board further includes a primary fastener for attaching the game board to a support.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) The game of claim 13 wherein the base primary attachment means is a magnet.

Claim 16. (Original) The game of claim 1 wherein:

- (i) the game board is configured to be positioned on a magnetic support;
- (ii) the blocking pieces have a complementary attachment means; and
- (iii) the base attachment means and complementary attachment means cooperate to affix the blocking pieces to the game board.

Claim 17. (Original) The game of claim 16 wherein the complementary attachment means is a magnet.

Claim 18. (Original) The game of claim 17 wherein:

- (iv) the scoring pieces include said complementary attachment means; and
- (v) the base attachment means and complementary attachment means of the scoring pieces cooperate to affix said scoring pieces to said support on top of said scoring surface.

Claim 19. (Original) The game of claim 18 wherein:

- (vi) the blocking pieces include said base attachment means; and

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(vii) the base attachment means of the blocking pieces and the complementary attachment means of the scoring pieces cooperate to affix said scoring pieces to said blocking pieces.

Claim 20. (Currently amended) A game comprising:

(a) a game board;

(b) one or more receiving pieces for positioning on said game board to define one or more general scoring areas on a surface of said one or more receiving pieces, each receiving piece having at least one distinguishing feature identifying that piece as a receiving piece, the at least one distinguishing feature selected from the group consisting of shape and surface image;

(c) one or more blocking pieces for positioning on said game board to define one or more specific scoring areas, wherein said one or more specific scoring areas comprise at least one portion of the surface of said one or more ~~general scoring areas~~ receiving pieces remaining uncovered by said one or more blocking pieces, each blocking piece having at least one distinguishing feature identifying that piece as a blocking piece, the at least one distinguishing feature selected from the group consisting of shape and surface image; and

(d) one or more scoring pieces for positioning on said game board, each scoring piece having at least one distinguishing feature identifying that piece as a scoring piece, the at least one distinguishing feature selected from the group consisting of shape and surface image.

Claims 21-26. (canceled)

Claim 27. (withdrawn) A method of playing a game comprising:

(a) providing a game board having a general scoring area;

(b) positioning at least one or more blocking pieces on said game board to define a specific scoring area, wherein the general scoring area is the portion of the specific scoring area that is not covered by the blocking pieces; and

(c) positioning one or more scoring pieces on said game board.

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Claim 28. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27 wherein said blocking pieces are positioned by tossing them onto said game board.

Claim 29. (withdrawn) The method of claim 28 wherein said scoring pieces are positioned by tossing them onto said game board.

Claim 30. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27 wherein said scoring pieces are positioned by tossing them onto said game board.

Claim 31. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27 wherein said game board includes a base attachment means and wherein each of said blocking pieces include a complementary attachment means and wherein said base attachment means and said complementary attachment means cooperate to fixedly position said blocking piece on said game board.

Claim 32. (withdrawn) The method of claim 31 wherein said base attachment means includes a magnet and said complementary attachment means includes another magnet.

Claim 33. (withdrawn) The method of claim 31 wherein said base attachment means is a one part of a hook and loop fastening system and said complementary attachment means is another part of said hook and loop fastening system.

Claim 34. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27 wherein said game board is positioned on a base attachment means and wherein each of said blocking pieces include a complementary attachment means and wherein said base attachment means and said complementary attachment means cooperate to fixedly position said blocking piece relative to said game board.

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Claim 35. (withdrawn) The method of claim 31 wherein said base attachment means includes a magnet and said complementary attachment means includes another magnet.

Claim 36. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27 further comprising awarding one or more points for positioning said scoring piece entirely within said specific scoring area.

Claim 37. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27 further comprising awarding one or more points for positioning said scoring piece at least partially within said specific scoring area.

Claim 38. (reinstated – formerly claim 25) The game of claim 20 wherein each of the blocking pieces includes a magnet for fixedly positioning the blocking pieces on the game board.

Claim 39. (reinstated – formerly claim 26) The game of claim 20 wherein each of the scoring pieces includes a magnet for fixedly positioning the blocking pieces on the game board.

Claim 40 (new): A game, comprising:

(a) a game board having a general scoring area defined thereon, the general scoring area defined by an image associated with a game selected from the group consisting of hockey, basketball, soccer and football;

(b) at least one blocking piece for positioning on said game board to define one or more specific scoring areas, wherein said one or more specific scoring areas comprise at least one portion of said one or more general scoring areas remaining uncovered by said one or more blocking pieces, each blocking piece having an image associated with the selected game and identifying that piece as a blocking piece; and

(c) at least one scoring piece for positioning on said game board, each scoring piece having an image associated with the selected game and identifying that piece as a scoring piece.